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Intergovernmental Agreement – St. Vrain Valley Schools – School Resource Officer

Agenda Date: Town Board Meeting – September 14, 2010

Attachments: a. IGA for Mayor's Signature

Fiscal Note: None noted or provided Fiscal note


Administrative Services Director

Submitted by: 
Gary Barbour, Police Chief

Approved for Presentation: 
Town Administrator

AV Use Anticipated Projector _____ Laptop _____

Certification of Board Approval:

Town Clerk

Date

Summary Statement:

The intergovernmental agreement with the St Vrain Valley School District for the School Resource Officer is due for renewal. This agreement has been in place for a number of years. The presence of the SRO at the high school provides for enhanced security for the school and an effective assignment of police personnel for school-related incidents and issues. The SRO is also available for assistance at the other schools in the Town of Frederick. All high schools in the district have school resource officers assigned by the respective jurisdictions.

Detail of Issue/Request:

School Resource Officers provide enhanced security in their assigned schools. They also provide for more effective police-community relations with the high school population, particularly the students and

their families. School Resource Officers develop effective rapport with students and faculty and are therefore more effective in handling crime and disorder issues related to the student population. School Resource Officers have been shown to be effective at decreasing crime and disorder in schools and the surrounding community. The presence of a School Resource Officer is more effective and efficient for the police department than would be sending individual officers from patrol to handle incidents or offense reports on an as-needed basis.

Legal/Political Considerations:

Not Applicable

Alternatives/Options:

1. Eliminate the School Resource Officer position and have calls for police service at the schools handled by patrol officers. Much would be lost if this course of action is chosen. The rapport between the assigned SRO and the students would be gone. This would affect the relations between the police and the youth of the community and their families. It would decrease the security at the high school.
2. Cut back on the number of hours that the SRO is at the high school. This would not be practical most of the time due to the workload presently experienced by the assigned SRO.

Financial Considerations:

Not Applicable

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the IGA.